

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. – 17. (Canceled).

18. (Currently Amended) A portable telephone comprising:

a casing,

an antenna mounted on an end of said casing; and

a dielectric member having a relative dielectric constant of more than one and little loss;

wherein said dielectric member is directly connected to a side of said antenna and to no other side of said antenna, said side of said antenna being positioned farther away from a body of a user than all other sides of said antenna when the user is operating ~~the~~ said portable telephone.

19. (Currently Amended) The portable telephone according to claim 18, wherein said casing includes a lower casing on which a keyboard is disposed;

wherein said antenna is mounted on an lower end of said lower casing;

wherein said dielectric member is directly connected to a front side of said antenna in which no other element is connected to said dielectric member, said front side of said antenna being positioned farther away from a palm as the body of the user when the user is holding said lower casing within the palm in order to operate the portable telephone.

20. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone according to claim 18, wherein said casing includes an upper casing on which a speaker and a display screen are disposed;

wherein said antenna is mounted on an upper end of said upper casing;

wherein said dielectric member is directly connected to a back side of said antenna, said back side of said antenna being positioned farther away from a head as the body of the user when the user is holding said upper casing adjacently the head in order to operate the portable telephone.

21. (Currently Amended) The portable telephone according to claim 18, wherein said casing includes a lower casing on which a keyboard is disposed and an upper casing on which a speaker and a display screen are disposed;

wherein said antenna includes a lower antenna mounted on an lower end of said lower casing and an upper antenna mounted on an upper end of said upper casing;

wherein said dielectric member includes a lower dielectric member and an upper dielectric member;

wherein said lower dielectric member is directly connected to a front side of said antenna in which no other element is connected to said dielectric member, said front side of said antenna being positioned farther away from a palm as the body of the user when the user is holding said lower casing within the palm in order to operate the portable telephone;

wherein said upper dielectric member is directly connected to a back side of said antenna, said back side of said antenna being positioned farther away from a head as the body of the user when the user is holding said upper casing adjacently the head in order to operate the portable telephone.

22. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone according to claim 18, wherein said side of said antenna is entirely connected to and entirely covered by said dielectric member.

23. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone according to claim 18, wherein said antenna includes a joint provided at one end of said antenna that is coupled to said casing;

wherein said joint operates as a feeding section for feeding electricity supplied by said portable telephone to said antenna, and corresponds to a feeding section that feeds power to the antenna from said portable telephone.

24. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone according to claim 18, wherein said dielectric member is a dielectric member in shape of a hemisphere.

25. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone according to claim 18, wherein said dielectric member is a dielectric member in shape of a hemicylinder.

26. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone according to claim 18, wherein said dielectric member is a dielectric member in shape of a rectangle.

27. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone according to claim 18, wherein said dielectric member has a curved surface on a side opposite to said antenna.

28. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone according to claim 18, wherein said antenna is a built-in antenna built in said upper casing.

29. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone according to claim 18, wherein said antenna is a dipole antenna.

30. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone according to claim 18, wherein said antenna is an inverted-L-shaped antenna.

31. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone according to claim 18, wherein said antenna is a monopole antenna.

32. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone according to claim 18, wherein said antenna is a meander antenna.